

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 were originally presented for examination and subjection to restriction.

Claims 1-26 have been elected for examination and Claims 27-35 have been canceled.

Applicants believe that Claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

Respectfully submitted,

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